

1 What is claimed is:

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3 1. In a blown film extrusion apparatus in which film is extruded as a tube from
4 an annular die and then pulled along a predetermined path, an apparatus for
5 startup of said extruded film tube, comprising:

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7 (a) means for varying a quantity of air within said extruded film tube,
8 including:

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0 (1) a supply blower which supplies air to said extruded film
.1 tube in an amount corresponding to a supply control signal, and

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3 (2) an exhaust blower which exhausts air from said extruded
.4 film tube in an amount corresponding to an exhaust control
.5 signal; and

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7 (b) a controller member including executable program instructions
.8 which define at least one control routine for automatic and coordinated control
.9 of said means for varying during starting of said extruded film tube by directing
0 a series of supply control signals to said supply blower and exhaust control
1 signals to said exhaust blower.